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## Saguaro National Park - West Offers Winter Junior Ranger Camp

Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West) will offer a three-day Junior Ranger Camp during the winter school break, for kids 9 through 12 years of age. The dates for the camp will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. The camp will include a variety of fun hands-on activities, such as hiking, exploring, compass and map reading. Children will also learn how to select a campsite, pitch a tent, cook with a lightweight backpack stove, and hike safely in the wilderness. These skills will be learned through active demonstrations and activities, all designed to help children explore the desert, learn about nature, and have fun in the great outdoors. Camp hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday, and 8:00 am to 7:30 pm on Thursday, allowing for a night hike. If you have day care concerns, or need flexible drop off/pick-up times, please let us know. The camp will be held at the park's Red Hills Visitor Center, located at 2700 North Kinney Road (approximately 2 miles northwest of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum). As space in the camp is limited, advanced reservations are required. To register, or for more detailed information, please contact Park Ranger Chip Littlefield. You can reach Chip by telephone at 733-5157, or by E-mail at chip littlefield@nps.gov.

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